

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 1 presently stands rejected. Claims 2-54 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The drawings filed November 6, 2001 are objected to by the Examiner because Figs. 6A, 6B, 7A and 7B contain dimensions without units.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Flanders (USP 6,362,919).

Applicant's Response

In regard to the objection of the drawings, Applicant is herewith submitting a revised copy of figures 6A, 6B, 7A and 7B (attached). In particular, Applicant has added the "mm" dimensions to each of the numerical dimensions provided in the figures.

In regard to the rejection of claim 1, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include patentable features identified by the Examiner, thereby rendering claim 1 and all claims dependent on claim 1 patentable over the cited prior art. In particular, Applicant has added the recited plurality of collimator lenses from claim 2 to claim 1 and deleted this recitation from claim 2. As indicated by the Examiner, claims 1-54 are all now in condition for allowance.

Additionally, Applicant requests clarification on the record regarding the Examiner's statement regarding the allowability of claim 42, as described on page 4 of the office action. In particular, the Examiner stated that regarding claim 42, the prior art does not disclose the plurality of semiconductor lasers comprising 3 to 10 semiconductor lasers arranged in a row.

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This feature is not included in claim 42. It is believed that the Examiner might have intended to refer to claim 47 instead of claim 42 since claim 47 includes this feature based on its dependency from claim 22. Clarification is kindly requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the application is believed to be in form for immediate allowance with claims 1-54, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to **contact the undersigned** at the telephone number listed below.

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FIG. 6A FIG. 6B

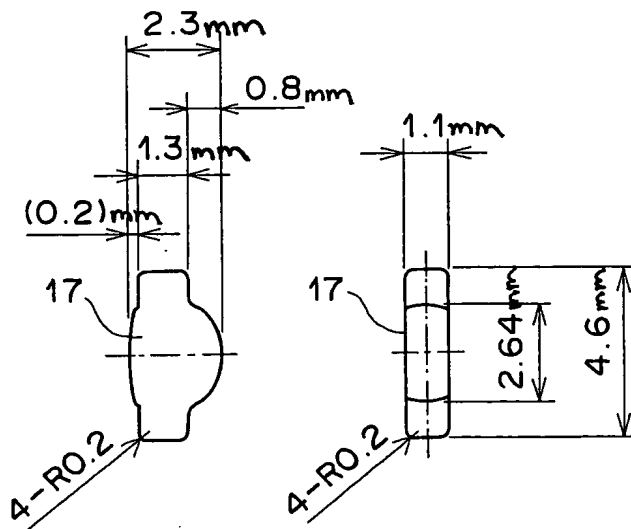


FIG. 7A FIG. 7B

